



**EMBASSY OF THE  
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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
  
THRU : Chief, Operations Group  
  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--July 1986

I. GENERAL

1. Final installation preparations are underway in the Embassy Budget and Finance Office for the establishment of an Abidjan-based regional Financial Management Center (FMC). Though no date for final installation has been set, a U.S. disbursing officer has been assigned and is now at post. Once the FMC is in place, the disbursement needs of this post as well as those of other CFA-currency posts will be handled here rather than at the Paris RAMC.

2. The dollar continued a downward trend during the month, with a high of 351 CFA to the dollar at the beginning of July and a low of 344 by month's end. The average exchange rate for July 1985 was 447 CFA to the U.S. dollar.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. The long-awaited Ivory Coast cabinet reshuffle was announced finally on 8 July by Minister for Information, Culture Youth, and Sports, Laurent Dona Fologo. The new cabinet consists of 40 ministers in all, including 9 ministers of state without portfolios and 3 ministers with portfolios, of which 12 are new. The offices of the ambassador, DCM, Political/Economics Section, and other embassy consumers were notified immediately and the cabinet list was read over the telephone to Ambassador Miller by the bureau deputy chief.

2. Most of the African countries which are members of the Commonwealth joined in a boycott of this year's Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh, Scotland in protest of Great Britain's refusal to impose economic sanctions on South Africa. The boycott was spearheaded by Nigeria, black Africa's most populous country and its defacto spokesman, which was soon joined by the other member countries in the bureau's coverage area -- The Gambia, Ghana, Mauritius, and

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Sierre Leone. The boycott was accompanied by strong criticism of Britain's stance and policy concerning South Africa from the government, private sector, and media of the various countries.

3. The 44th OAU Council of Ministers meeting, preparatory to the 22nd OAU summit of heads of government and state, was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21-26 July. The main topics of discussion were South Africa -- including the issue of sanctions and support for the liberation struggle for black majority -- and the economic plight of the continent. The ministers issued strong criticism of the West, specifically Great Britain, the United States, France, and West Germany, over their refusal to impose sanctions on South Africa.

The 22nd OAU summit was held from 28-30 July. The first order of business was the election of Congo's Denis Sassou-Nguesso as new chairman succeeding Senegal's Abdou Diouf. Like the ministerial meeting, the summit focused mainly on the situation in southern Africa and adopted a resolution condemning the U.S., Britain, France, West Germany, and Israel.

4. On 8 July, AFP announced plans for a major reorganization of the agency and the elimination of 300 jobs by the end of 1988. Workers went on a 24-hour strike at 1000 GMT on 10 July, however, AFP continued to transmit items intermittently and at a much reduced rate. AFP transmissions returned to normal at 1000 GMT on 11 July, but later in the day the workers decided to launch a 48-hour strike beginning at 0800 GMT on 15 July. The strike was extended an additional 48-hours on 17 July and finally ended on 19 July in time for regularly scheduled sign-on at 0700 GMT with AFP management and workers reaching an agreement.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### Personnel

1. Deputy Bureau Chief [ ] and family departed for Washington PCS and homeleave on 24 July. [ ] arrived on 14 July, assuming duties as the new deputy chief on 24 July.

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2. Editor [ ] departed for Bangkok on 31 July. Her replacement, [ ] arrived at post on 15 July.

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3. Staff Engineer [ ] returned from CONUS R&R on 8 July. TDY Engineer [ ] who had served for 8 weeks in [ ] absence, departed for Headquarters on 10 July.

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4. Monitor [ ] was selected to participate in the Foreign National Orientation Program which will be held in Washington 8-12 September. This is the first time in 3 years that an Abidjan Bureau monitor has been selected for the program.

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5. Senior Communications Operator [ ] received a PSI effective 20 July.

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#### IV. VISITS

1. Ambassador Robert Miller and Deputy Chief of Mission Carl Cundiff, both of whom departed post on 3 August, visited the bureau during the last week of July to bid farewell to the staff. Ambassador Miller will go on to the position of Vice President of the National Defense University. Mr. Cundiff will be director of State Department's Office of Food Policy and Programs.

2. The new Deputy Chief of Mission, Vincent Farley, met bureau employees when he visited on 28 July as part of his introduction to mission components.

#### V. POST ACTIVITIES

1. On 15 July, the Government of the Ivory Coast gave its agreement to the appointment of Dennis Kux as the new Ambassador to the Ivory Coast. President Reagan announced his intention to nominate Mr. Kux on 25 July. If approved by the Senate, Mr. Kux is expected to arrive at Post in mid-September.

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2. The departure of [ ] and [ ] and the arrival of [ ] and [ ] were feted at a gala FBIS Hall and Farewell party hosted by [ ] and his wife, [ ] and [ ] on 19 July. Some 70 guests were in attendance, including the Deputy Chief of Mission.

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3. The bureau chief participated in a JAO Orientation Program for new arrivals at post which included briefings by all the major mission components.



Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

## Abidjan Bureau Production Report for July 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	241480
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	13930
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	755

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7967.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	2410		
Cotonou Domestic Service in French	300		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

## BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	3980		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

## CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	3490		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	4770		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			150
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

## CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			300
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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	1310		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	5100		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	560		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	1380		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
*Brazzaville NWEI in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	200		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		23560	
Paris AFP in French		21580	
Paris Diplomatic Information Service in French		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			4160
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	4390		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	1750		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	26090		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			110
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			200
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
 GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	3470		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
 GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
 IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	6510		
Abidjan Television Service in French	250		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			2130
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			6060
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
 LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	0		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	10300		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
 MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	11580		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	3840		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			200
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	2940		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	0		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	27140		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	490		
Lagos NAN in English		21140	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	4290		
DAKAR PANA in english		15270	
Dakar PANA in French		6230	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	290		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA			
Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
TOGO			
Lome Domestic Service in French	3680		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE			
Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	420		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		9460	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0